Revival schemes for PSUs

2738. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether sick PSUs have been submitting revival schemes to BIFR;

(b) whether it is a fact that the BIFR could not consider the revival schemes due to lack of support from the Ministry of Industry;

(c) the names of the PSUs which have been considered by BIFR for closure in the past 6 months; and

(d) what action Government are proposing to take to allow these PSUs for profitable ventures?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (d). Revival schemes are prepared by the operating agency appointed by the BIFR under the amended provisions of SICA. BIFR/Operating Agency interacts with Management, Government, Labour Financial Institutions, State Govt. etc. for preparation of revival schemes. Thereafter, BIFR, takes a final decision on its revival. In the past six months BIFR has recommended winding up of Tannery and Footwear Corporation Ltd. (TAFCO) and has issued show cause notice for winding up in respect of Mining and Allied Machinery Corporation (MAMC). BIFR is a quasi judicial body.

Fair organised by National Small Industries Corporation Ltd.

2739. SHRI HIPHEI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the NSIC (National Small Industries Corporation Ltd.) has in recent past organised some fair "Mantech' 95" at New Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof with names of Small Scale Industrial units that participated alongwith formalities and charges fixed for such participation?

(c) what were the objectives of organising the fair;

(d) the details of achievements made therein;

(e) whether the NSIC is the nodal agency for promotion and development of SSI units;

(f) if so, the details thereof with its areas of functions in this regard;

(g) whether the NSIC provides some technical as well as financial assistance to SSI Units;

(h) whether the NSIC also provides general guidance to SSI Units; and

(i) if so, the details thereof with formalities required for availing their assistance and guidance, separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (d). No, Sir. The same is reportedly being organised by FICCI.

(e) Yes, Sir NSIC is one of the nodal agencies for promotion and development of small scale industrial units in the country.

(f) The Corporation was set up in 1955 with the main corporate mission to promote, aid, counsel, assist, finance and protect and promote the interest of Small Industries in India, whether owned or run by Government, statutory body, company, firm or individuals, and to provide them with capital, credit, means, resources and technical and managerial assistance for the prosecution of their work and business, to enable them to develop and improve their methods of manufacture, management and marketing and their technique of production.

(g) Yes, Sir.

(h) Yes, Sir.

(i) NSIC through its Prototype Development and Training Centres, at

Okhla, Howrah, Madras and Rajkot and their Sub-Centres provides technical upgradation, training, testing and common facilities. These PDTCs also develop tool kits for rural artisans and workmen. Training in technical trades for shop floor, skilled labour and advanced training on computers, CNC machines etc. are also being given. Technical guidance to small scale units are also provided through PDTCs and the financial assistance is provided through its various schemes. The Corporation provides financial assistance to small scale entrepreneurs by way of providing machines on hire purchase basis and equipment on lease terms for expansion, diversification and modernisation. Short term financial assistance are provided for raw material procurement, working capital, pre and post shipment export finance.

Besides, it also provides general guidance to small scale units through participation in national and international exhibitions, trade fairs, buyerseller meets etc. It also undertakes programmes for export promotion of the products of SSI sector.

Industrial units established in Bihar

2740. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Industrial Enterpreneurs Memorandum have been received so far by Government after the commencement of new Industrial policy in respect of Bihar;

(b) how many Industrial units have actually been established in the State under those Memoranda with details of the investment made therein and the employment provided so far in the State; and

(c) what action Government propose to take to ensure that all the units under the Memoranda are established in time in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b). Since the commencement of New Industrial Policy till 28th February, 1995, 166 Industrial Entrepreneurs Memoranda (IEMs) have been filed with the Government for establishing new units/ new articles/expansion of existing industrial units at the districts of Dhanbad, Singhbhum, Patna, Ranchi, Bhojpur etc. in the State of Bihar for various industries including metallurgical, industrial alcohol, glass, cement etc. with a projected investment of Rs. 4057 crores and projected employment for 24413 persons. Against these IEMs, till end December 1994, 7 units had reported commencement of commercial production (involving investment of Rs. 11 crores) to the Government of India. However, as per information furnished by the Government of Bihar, 42 IEMs have been implemented so far. Information on employment created from implementation of IEMs is not centrally maintained.

(c) It is for the State Government concerned to extend all facilities to prospective entrepreneurs for quick implementation of the investment intentions.

Growth Centres in Bihar

2741. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Growth Centre Scheme is in vogue since 1988 for the industrially backward areas in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) how many Growth Centres were approved by Government for the State of Bihar with details thereof; and

(d) how much investment has so far been made in each of these Growth Centres in Bihar and how many industrial units have so far been attracted by these Growth Centres?